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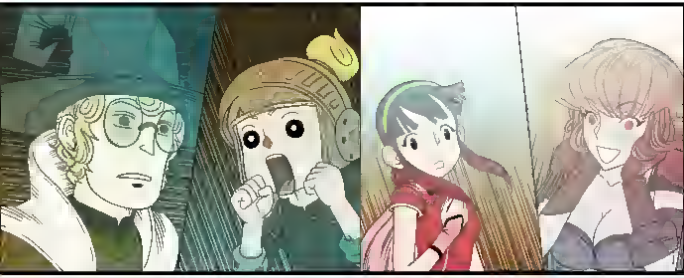
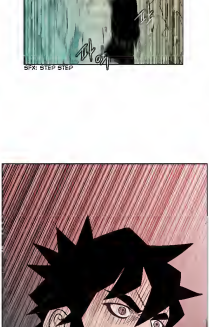


SFX: STEP STEP



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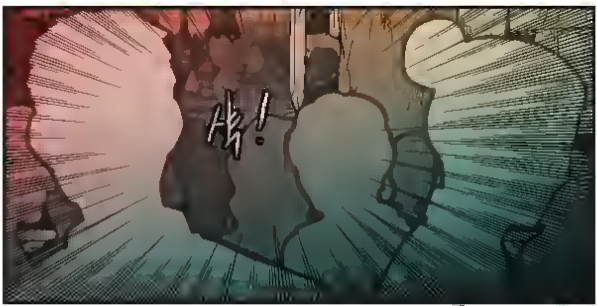

SFX: DISAPPEAR

SFX: DASH
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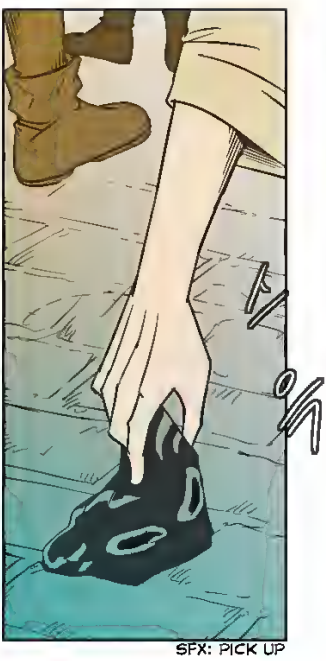
SFX: GLANCE GLANCE


SFX: PICK UP

SFX: RUN
WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING TO? AND WHY ARE YOU LEAVING ME BEHIND?!

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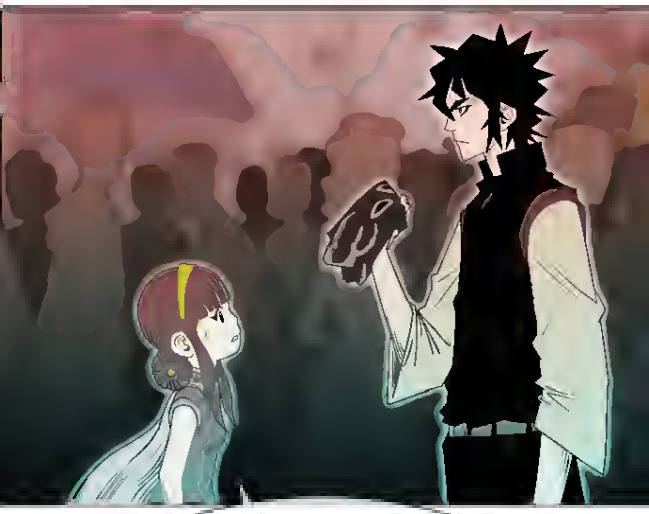
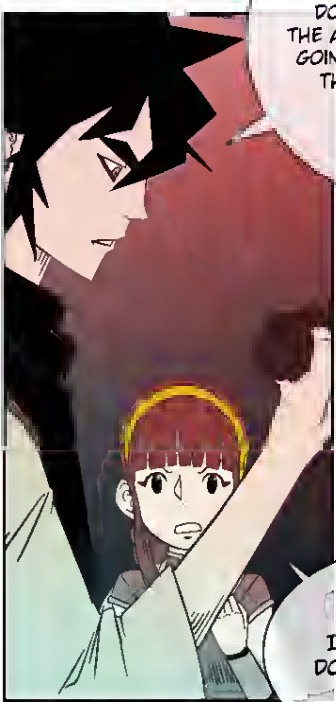
SFX: DRUMROLL



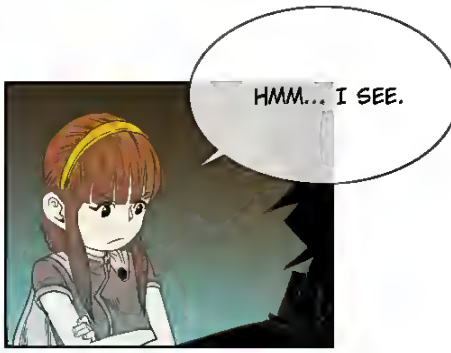
THAT'S...?

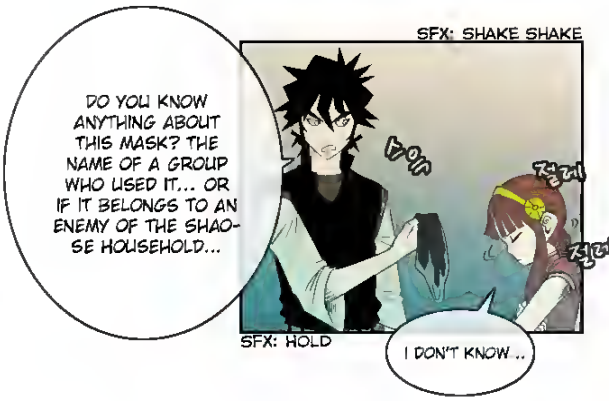
DO YOU REMEMBER THE ASSASSIN WHO WAS GOING TO KIDNAP YOU? THIS IS HIS MASK.



I KNOW, BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT?

SFX: CHATTER CHATTER

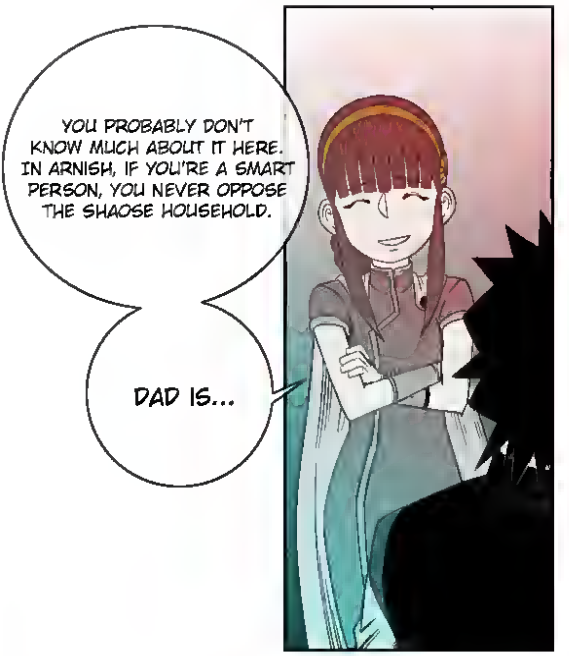

HMM... I SEE.


DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS MASK? THE NAME OF A GROUP WHO USED IT... OR IF IT BELONGS TO AN ENEMY OF THE SHAO-SE HOUSEHOLD...
SFX: SHAKE SHAKE
SFX: HOLD
I DON'T KNOW ..

KIDNAPPING HAPPENS A LOT IN MY FAMILY. IT WAS ESPECIALLY BAD WHEN I WAS AT ARNISH, SO THAT INCIDENT... WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH.
Huh?
WHAT'S THAT...?

WHEN YOU SUCCESSFULLY KIDNAP A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY, MY FATHER PAYS YOU MONEY AND GETS US BACK.
THEY'RE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SKILLS AND MY FATHER HIRES THEM.
WOW...

WASN'T IT DANGEROUS?


YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT HERE. IN ARNISH, IF YOU'RE A SMART PERSON, YOU NEVER OPPOSE THE SHAOSE HOUSEHOLD.
DAD IS...

HE'S A FRIGHTENING MAN.

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SFX: SHIFT
A WEALTHY MAN...

BOTH INCIDENTS ARE CONNECTED IN SOME WAY... BUT WHAT IS THAT CONNECTION?

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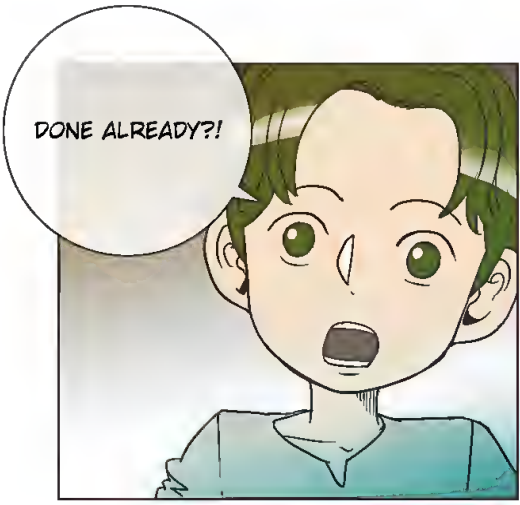
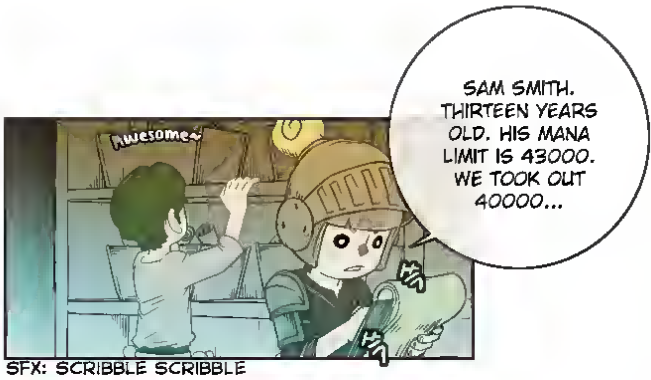

DONE ALREADY?!

YES, IT'S DONE. TAKE ONE FROM THE PILE OVER HERE. CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU WANT.

WOW! BONO, YOU'RE THE BEST! THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY IN MY LIFE!
This is better than my birthday!

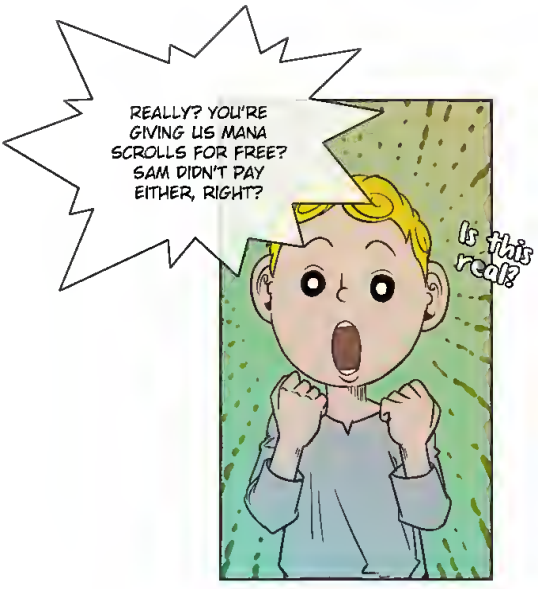
SFX: LEAP



SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

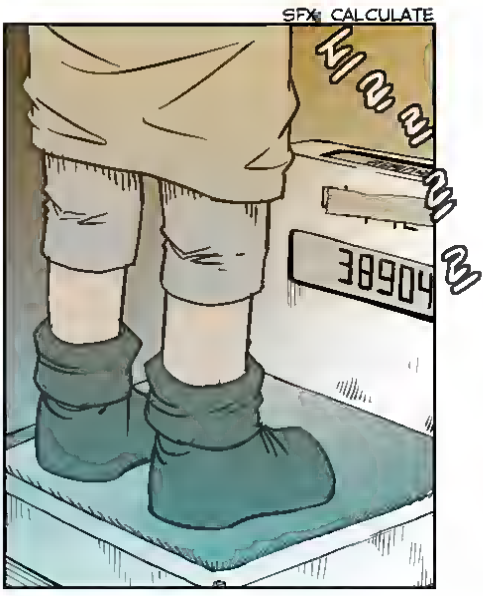
SFX: HOLD

SFX: DASH


REALLY? YOU'RE GIVING US MANA SCROLLS FOR FREE? SAM DIDN'T PAY EITHER, RIGHT?
Is this real?

YES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY US.
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF MANA. IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL AND DOESN'T HARM YOUR HEALTH IN ANY WAY.
SFX: POINT
STAND ON TOP OF THAT FOR A MOMENT.

HERE?
SFX: STEP


SFX: CALCULATE
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YES. NOW SIT DOWN ON THE CHAIR OVER THERE.
SFX: SCRIBBLE
38000... WE ONLY HAVE TO LEAVE 3000 BEHIND.

HEY, ISN'T THIS CHEATING?
SFX: DRUMROLL

What?
IT'S NOT. EVERYBODY'S HAPPY IN THIS TRADE.
THE KIDS WILL PAY US WITH SOME OF THEIR MANA THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY HAD. WE CAN GIVE OUT CHEAP SCROLLS THAT AREN'T SELLING TO THEM, ALL WHILE MAKING MORE SCROLLS USING THEIR MANA.
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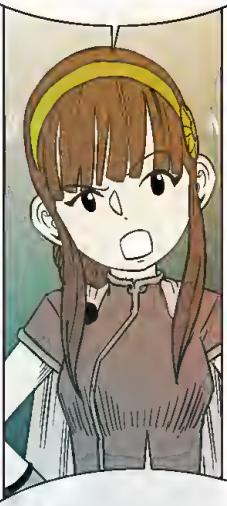
SOME OF THEIR MANA? SOME?
SFX: SHUT

YOU'RE TAKING MOST OF IT AND YET YOU SAY "SOME"?



ISN'T MANADONNA THE NAME OF THE GODDESS WHO LOOKS AFTER FAIR TRADE? ISN'T THIS TOO MUCH?

WE'RE NOT HARMING THE CHILDREN. THEY WON'T USE IT, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKING IT? IT WILL REGENERATE BACK ANYWAY. WE'D BETTER USE IT, RATHER THAN IT JUST USELESSLY WAITING TO BE USED.

IT'S GOOD TO USE AND REGENERATE MANA OFTEN. YOU'RE TRAINED TO DO SO AT MAGIC SCHOOL, TOO...

SFX: PRATTLE

WHO KNOWS IF THOSE KIDS COULD BE MAGES ONE DAY?

YOU'RE NOT ACTING LIKE YOURSELF. WHAT'S WRONG?
Ugh.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY WE DIDN'T RECEIVE FROM STEEL RAINBOW?
WE GOT THE MANA SCALE INSTEAD OF THAT MONEY, SO WE SHOULD MAKE SOME PROFIT WITH IT.

Ugh!

ZIO, WHY DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SO MUCH MONEY?
YOU HARDLY USE YOUR MONEY. DESPITE EARNING SO MUCH MONEY, YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT THE SHOP IS IN DEBT.
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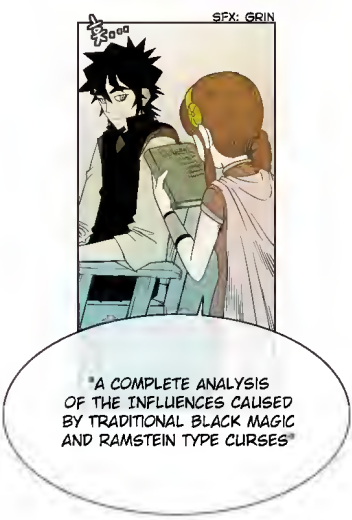
IS IT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TELL ANYBODY?
SFX: LEAN
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

DO YOU WANT ME TO... HELP YOU?
SFX: POSE
IF YOU TELL MY FATHER THAT YOU KIDNAPPED ME, HE'LL GIVE YOU A LOT OF MONEY.

NO. THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN HELP ME WITH.
IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
haa...
HMPH. HOW STUBBORN.

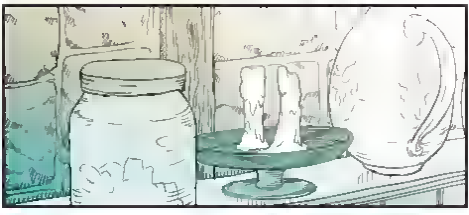
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN LOOKING AT? IS IT A BOOK? I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN PUBLISHED...?

WHY? ARE YOU CURIOUS? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK?
EVEN IF YOU READ IT, YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.

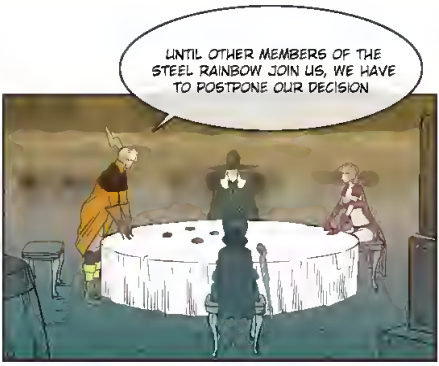

SFX: GRIN
"A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE INFLUENCES CAUSED BY TRADITIONAL BLACK MAGIC AND RAMSTEIN TYPE CURSES"

I'M GETTING A HEADACHE JUST BY READING THE TITLE. DO YOU READ STUFF LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME?
Ugh!

THIS IS MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION.



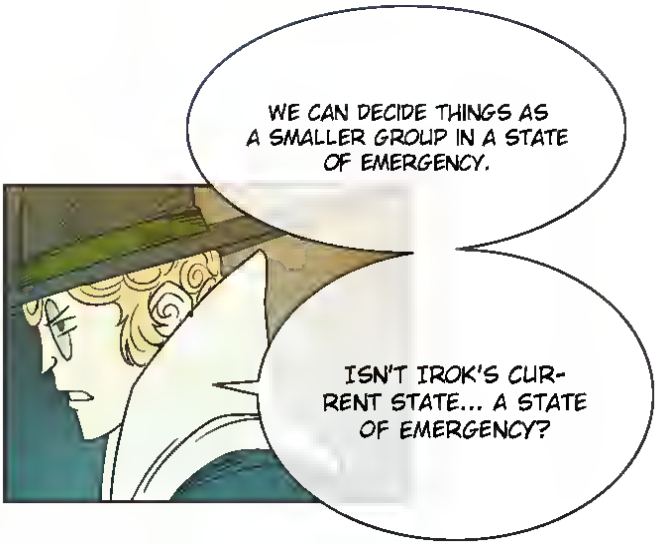
SFX: THUD
TWO ARE FOR IT AND
TWO ARE AGAINST IT.


UNTIL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STEEL RAINBOW JOIN US, WE HAVE TO POSTPONE OUR DECISION

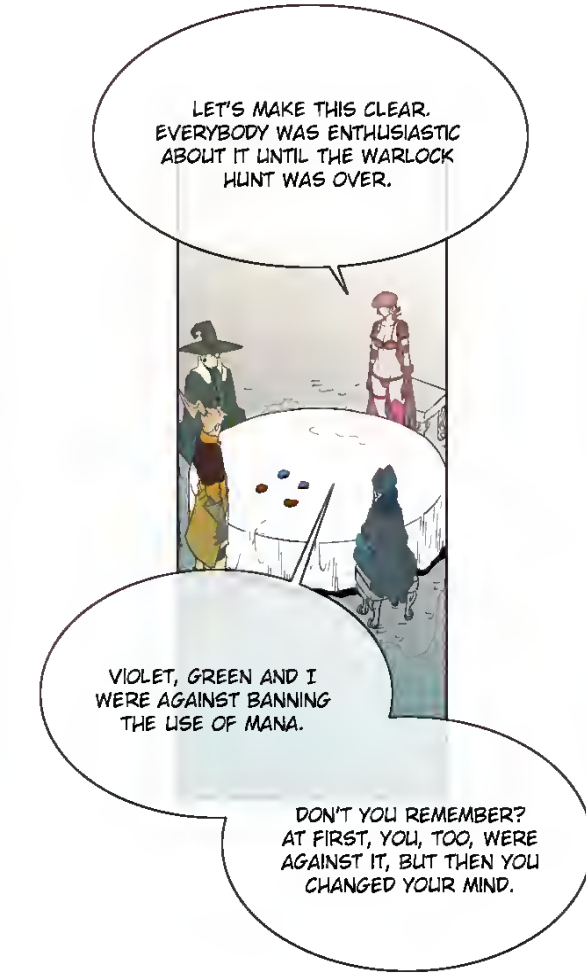
BLUE! WHY ARE YOU AGAINST IT?
SFX: RISE
THEY WILL RETURN!

DELF, YOU HAVE TO THINK RATIONALLY.
WHEN THE BLACK MAGICIANS ATTACK US AGAIN, WE CAN'T RELY ON PRESIDENT OH AGAIN.
WE NEED A PILGRIM TO JOIN OUR SIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

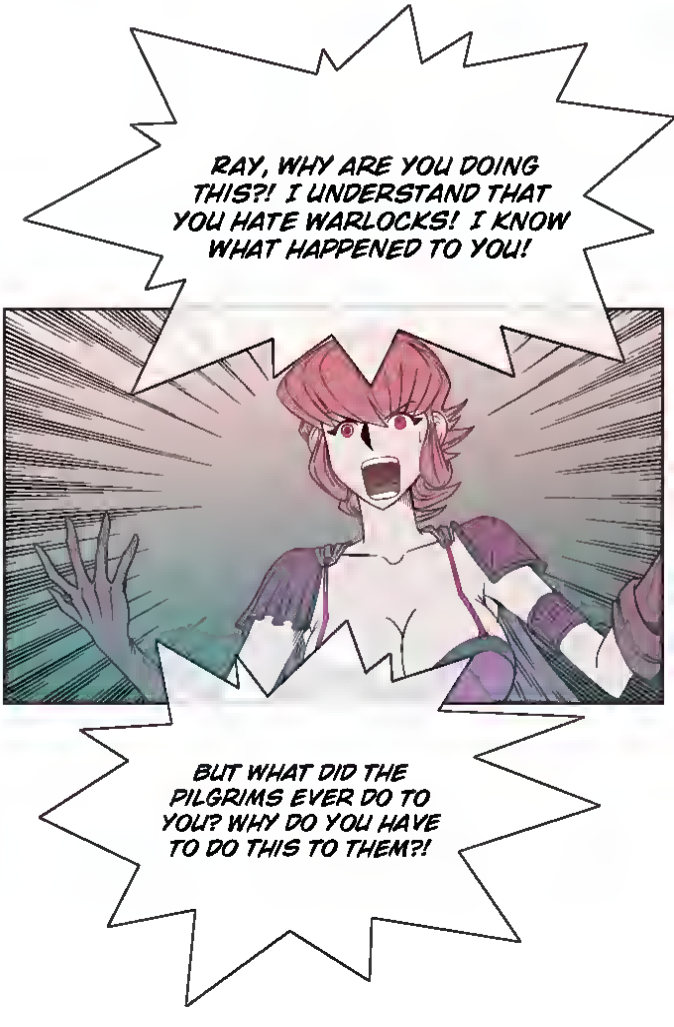
WE DECIDED ON THIS WITH ALL SEVEN OF OUR MEMBERS. EVERYONE MUST BE HERE TO CHANGE OUR DECISION.

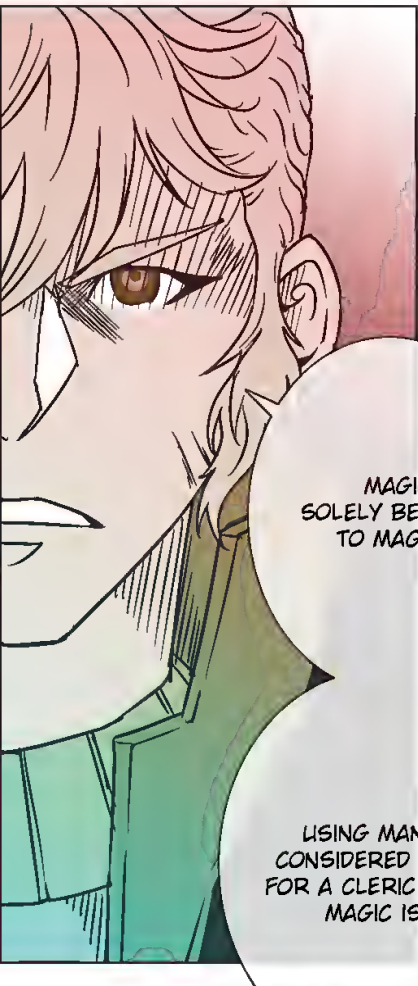

WE CAN DECIDE THINGS AS A SMALLER GROUP IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY.
ISN'T IROK'S CURRENT STATE... A STATE OF EMERGENCY?

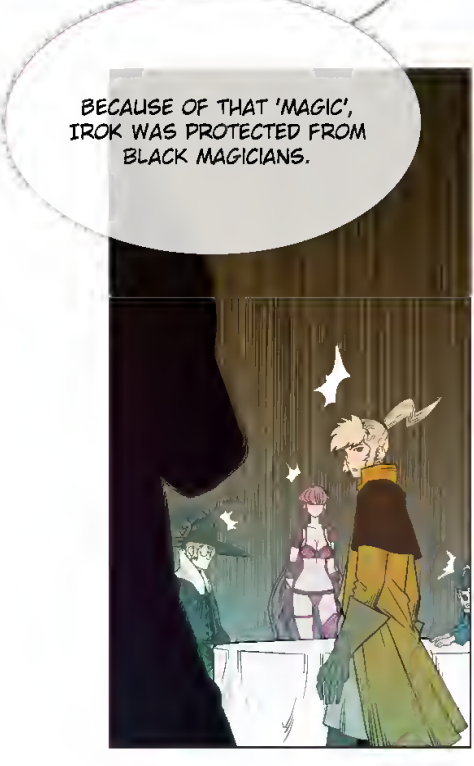
NO, BUT YOU WERE TOGETHER IN THIS FIVE YEARS AGO, RIGHT?
AT THAT TIME, EVERYBODY WAS ENTHUSIASTIC...


LET'S MAKE THIS CLEAR. EVERYBODY WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT UNTIL THE WARLOCK HUNT WAS OVER.
VIOLET, GREEN AND I WERE AGAINST BANNING THE USE OF MANA.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? AT FIRST, YOU, TOO, WERE AGAINST IT, BUT THEN YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND.

DON'T PRESSURE HIM, SILVIA. OBERMAN ALSO HAS HIS OWN PERSPECTIVE ON THINGS.

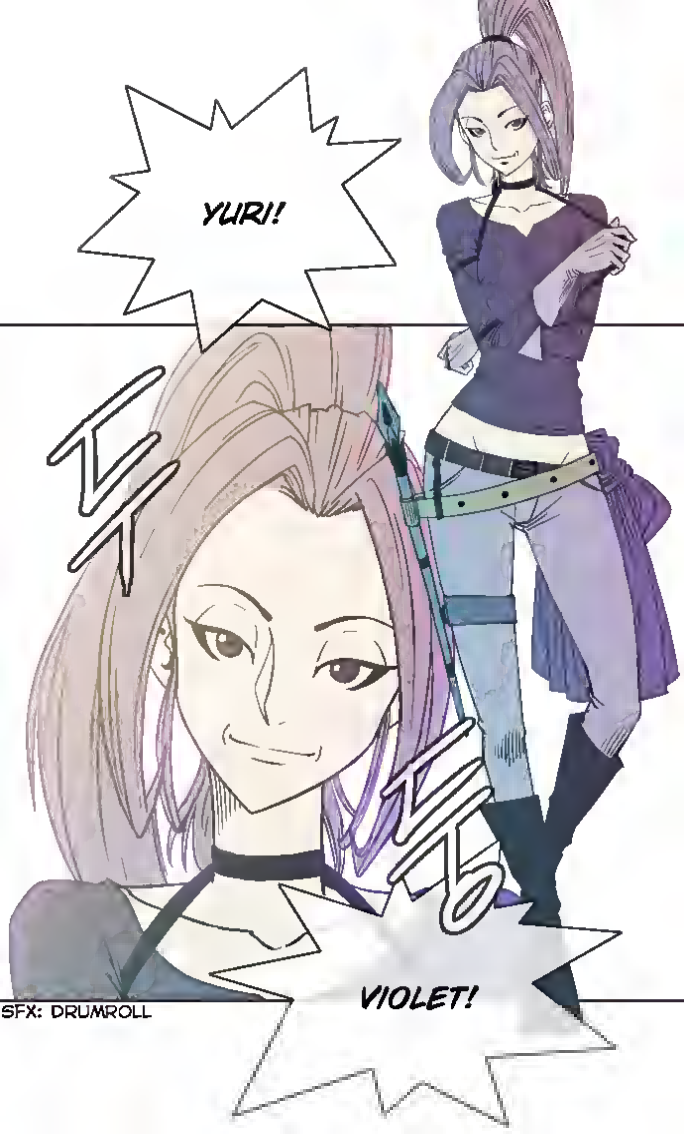

RAY, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?! I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HATE WARLOCKS! I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!
BUT WHAT DID THE PILGRIMS EVER DO TO YOU? WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS TO THEM?!


MAGIC SOLELY BELONGS TO MAGES.
USING MANA IS CONSIDERED MAGIC. FOR A CLERIC TO USE MAGIC IS...

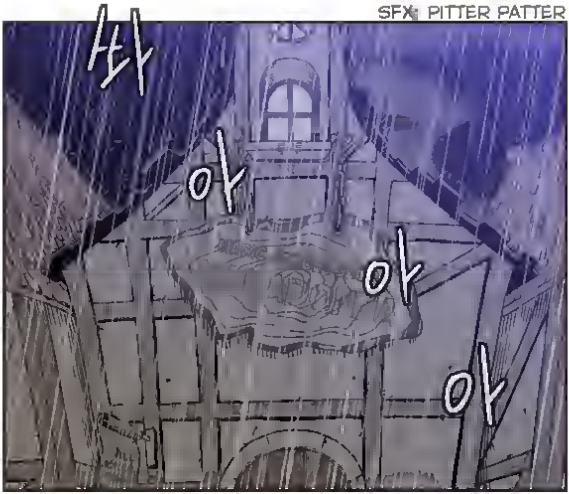

BECAUSE OF THAT 'MAGIC', IROK WAS PROTECTED FROM BLACK MAGICIANS.

SFX: TOSS

THREE FOR AND TWO AGAINST. THE VOTE TO BRING PILGRIMS BACK TO IROK HAS BEEN PASSED.



SFX: DRUMROLL


SFX: PITTER PATTER
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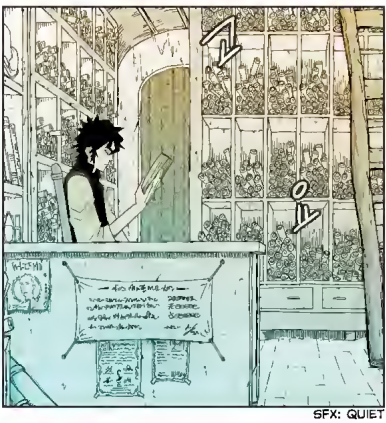
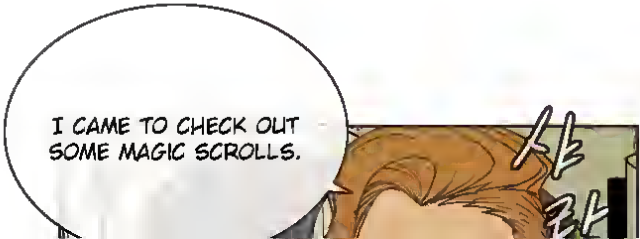


SFX: QUIET

SFX: CREAK

SFX: DRIP DROP

WHY ARE YOU HERE...?


I CAME TO CHECK OUT SOME MAGIC SCROLLS.

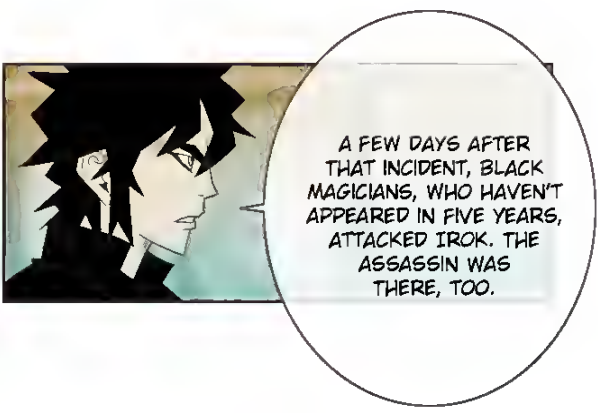
Hah... Why do I have to...
SFX: PUSH
SFX: DUST

WHAT KIND OF MAGIC CAN I BUY? IS THERE A LIST?
AH, ARE YOU THE OWNER? OR AN EMPLOYEE?

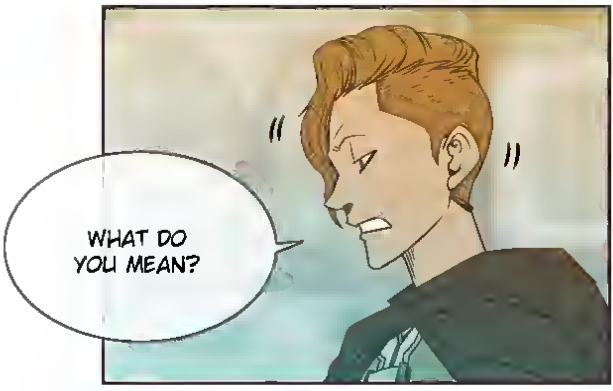
SFX: PLACE

AREN'T YOU THE PRESIDENT?

THERE'S A RICH GIRL FROM ARNISH WHO WAS ALMOST KIDNAPPED. HER ASSASSIN CAME TO HER TWICE.
HUH?
SFX: SLIDE


A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT INCIDENT, BLACK MAGICIANS, WHO HAVEN'T APPEARED IN FIVE YEARS, ATTACKED IROK. THE ASSASSIN WAS THERE, TOO.

HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS MASK ON, BUT IT WAS DEFINITELY HIM. WHEN I SEE SOMETHING, I NEVER FORGET IT. I RECOGNIZE PEOPLE BY THE SHAPE OF THEIR EYES, NOSE AND LIPS.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BUT THE PERSON WHO WAS WITH HIM CAME TO MY SHOP.

IF THIS LAST CONDITION IS MET, THIS COMPLICATED PUZZLE WILL BE SOLVED.
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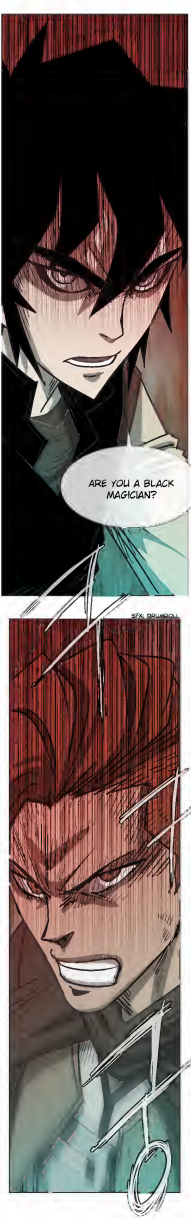
SFX: SHIFT


ARE YOU A BLACK MAGICIAN?
SFX. DRUMROLL

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